

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 7, 2019

Resolution Regarding the Delegation of Assigning New School Numbers to Staff

WHEREAS, HEA 1630 added IC 20-19-2-22, which authorizes the Indiana State Board of Education ("Board") to approve the issuance of new school numbers for any school that is currently in operation upon request of a school corporation. The statute reads as follows:

IC 20-19-2-22 Assigning new identification number; rules

Sec. 22. (a) If:

- (1) a school is in operation; and
- (2) the school requests a new identification number for the school; the state board may approve assigning a new identification number for the school.
- (b) In determining whether to approve a new identification number for a school under this section, the state board may consider a school's history of student growth and performance for that particular school because:
 - (1) the school is reopening;
 - (2) the school is reconfigured; or
 - (3) the school corporation redistributes students.
- (c) The state board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish criteria that a school must meet to be considered a new school under IC 20-19-3-4(d).

WHEREAS, Board staff has developed a three part criteria, modified from a rubric previously used by the Indiana Department of Education, to facilitate this process to determine whether or not to issue a new school number:

- 1. An increase or decrease of at least 70% of the student population;
- 2. A significant change in the educational philosophy, curriculum, or staff;
- 3. A change is not being made to avoid accountability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board now delegates its authority to approve new school identification numbers, pursuant to IC 20-19-2-22, to Board staff, subject to the conditions set forth in this Resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board maintains its authority to revise this rubric and/or adopt rules to establish a criteria for assigning a new school number at such time the Board determines appropriate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, if Board staff receives a request that pertains to a school(s) that was most recently placed in the lowest designation, or is under Board intervention, all such requests will be presented to the Board for final action;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as prohibiting a requesting school(s) from seeking Board review of a staff determination.

ADOPTED ON: August 7, 2019